Metro Flood Diversion Authority Land Management Committee Meeting Minutes 3 PM - February 23, 2022



A regular meeting of the Metro Flood Diversion Authority Land Management committee was held on February 23, 2022. The following members were present: Mary Scherling, Cass County Commissioner; Kory Peterson, Mayor, City of Horace; Bruce Grubb, Fargo City Administrator; Kevin Campbell, Clay County Commissioner; Nathan Boerboom, Fargo Division Engineer; Rodger Olson, Cass County Joint Water Resource District and Jenny Mongeau, Clay County Commissioner.

Members absent: Arlette Preston, Fargo City Commissioner; Bob Zimmerman, Moorhead City Engineer; Chuck Hendrickson, Moorhead City Council and Duane Breitling, Cass County Commissioner.

1. INTRODUCTION

Mrs. Scherling called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

2. AGENDA REVIEW

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Olson moved to approve the agenda as presented and Ms. Mongeau seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

3. MEETING MINUTES

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the minutes from January 2022 and Mr. Boerboom seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

4. FLOWAGE EASEMENT UPDATE

Ms. Smith and Mr. Dodds provided an update on the flowage easement offer packets. The letter is ready to go to the CCJWRD board for final approval and the letters will go out the following week. There will be public open houses and informational meetings regarding the flowage easement process. These meetings will be held March 14th-22nd in Christine, Hickson and Moorhead.



5. BLILIE LAND EXCHANGE RECOMMENDATION

Ms. Smith and Mr. Dodds provided an overview of the Blilie land exchange. The exchange is a counteroffer to the Blilie's counteroffer and has been approved by the MCCJPA after weighing many variables. Approval of this exchange will eliminate three pending LRED actions.

RECOMMENDATION PASSED

Mr. Olson moved to present the Blilie land exchange recommendation to the board of authority for approval and Ms. Mongeau seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the recommendation passed.

6. PROPERTY ACQUISITION STATUS REPORT

Mr. Dodds reported that over 750 parcels have been acquired to date and the flowage easement letters will go out to approximately 500 property owners next week. The design for Reach 2B is restarting in April and Reach 4 will begin this summer.

7. CCJWRD UPDATE

Mr. Olson reported that they continue to negotiate, and counteroffers are being received. The environmental monitoring easement process is moving slowly.

8. MCCJPA UPDATE

Mr. Campbell reported that they meet tomorrow, and he will provide an update at the board meeting.

9. COMMITTEE UPDATE FOR DA BOARD

The board update is included in the packet. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Dodds.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

11. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be March 23, 2022; the meeting adjourned at 3:34 PM.